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For environmentalists, mines near wilderness are too close for comfort: <a href="http://wkar.org/post/environmentalists-mines-near-wilderness-are-too-close-comfort#stream/0">http://wkar.org/post/environmentalists-mines-near-wilderness-are-too-close-comfort#stream/0</a>

**EPA scientist's work could improve mine safety:** <a href="http://www.minnpost.com/environment/2015/10/epa-scientist-s-work-could-improve-mine-safety">http://www.minnpost.com/environment/2015/10/epa-scientist-s-work-could-improve-mine-safety</a>

**Court rules against Essar in natural gas contract lawsuit:** <a href="http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/news/iron-range/3842510-court-rules-against-essar-natural-gas-contract-lawsuit">http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/news/iron-range/3842510-court-rules-against-essar-natural-gas-contract-lawsuit</a>

#### DNR opens auction of mineral leases

... of central and northern Minnesota land that **mining** companies can bid on to explore for copper, ... usually for five years, and can later negotiate **mining** rights for that parcel. Revenue from the mineral ... said they were unaware of the rights of **mining** companies to access their ...

#### Duluth News Tribune (MN) ... October 7, 2015

Cliffs cuts pellet sales to Essar

... which owns and operates several Minnesota iron mining operations, announced Tuesday that it is ending ...

#### Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (WI) ... October 7, 2015

Caterpillar shutting office | 250 jobs go from Oak Creek to South Milwaukee

... Inc. is closing its **mining** equipment headquarters in Oak Creek and moving ... 120, 833 square feet on about 27 acres - to **mining** equipmentmaker Bucyrus International. Bucyrus ... then, the **mining** industry has fallen into a deep slump. ...

# La Crosse Tribune (WI) ... October 6, 2015

## HOUSTON COUNTY FRAC SAND BAN WITHDRAWN

... proposed Houston County frac sand mining ban is off the ... would have specifically banned frac sand mining in the county. Proponents claimed the amendment ...

# Mesabi Daily News (Virginia, MN) ... October 6, 2015

# Another frivolous preservationist lawsuit

... the extreme preservationist groups that opposes **mining**, especially copper/nickel/precious metals — ... preservationist groups blast **mining**, most notably nonferrous, they say it will be ... overwhelming support for the PolyMet nonferrous **mining** project near Hoyt Lakes and ...

## Mesabi Daily News (Virginia, MN) ... October 6, 2015

#### Cliffs halts sales to Essar plant

... — The tension between **mining** heavyweights Essar Steel and Cliffs Natural ... Taconite in Eveleth and Forbes and Northshore **Mining** in Babbitt and Silver Bay, and manages and ...

## Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (WI) ... October 6, 2015

Court backs union investigation | Caterpillar must allow access to plant where worker died

... right to represent its employees outweighs the mining equipment company's interests in protecting its ...

## Mesabi Daily News (Virginia, MN) ... October 3, 2015

#### 3A: Strong vote for copper/nickel mining

... that district on copper/nickel/precious metals **mining** on the Iron ... groups that are so against all responsible **mining**, including copper/nickel/precious metals. And ... have fit right in with a metro liberal DFL antimining...

## La Crosse Tribune (WI) ... October 2, 2015

#### COMMISSION MEMBERS SHOULD BE IMPARTIAL

... Commission conducted a public hearing about a **mining** ordinance (developed by a group of citizens) ... by a group of citizens) that would ban frac sand **mining**. This is what Chairman Dan Griffin did not want ... against the citizens who have brought this **mining** ordinance before the Planning ...

#### Star Tribune: Newspaper of the Twin Cities (Minneapolis, MN) ... October 2, 2015

Mosaic, feds reach settlement - The agreement is expected to pay for \$1.8 billion in cleanup charges in Florida, Louisiana.

... a waste material left after phosphate **mining**, in Florida and ... our most significant enforcement action in the **mining** and mineral processing arena, and will have a ... a waste material left after phosphate **mining**, in Florida and ...

#### Fast and furious: Behind the scenes of the Highway 53 bridge and relocation

... housed alongside the state's bridge, roadway and **environmental** experts and working alongside officials with the ... the fast-track process that runs everything from **environmental** review to route selection to project design in a ... in last month's federal approval of the Final **Environmental Impact Statement** and signed Record of Decision ...

# Wisconsin State Journal (Madison, WI) ... October 4, 2015

# ALTERING THE LANDSCAPE - IN FIVE YEARS UNDER GOP, DNR RULES HAVE CHANGED AND SCIENTISTS ELIMINATED - STATE NATURAL RESOURCES | THE EFFECT OF REPUBLICAN RULE

... highly controversial 2013 state law written by a **mining** company to loosen **environmental** rules for iron ... state law written by a **mining** company to loosen **environmental** rules for iron mines. But other new ... rules to decrease analysis of potential **environmental** harm and public hearings on sources of pollution ...

## Mesabi Daily News (Virginia, MN) ... October 3, 2015

Analysis: Koochiching, St. Louis counties delivered 3A

... also a big win for copper/nickel/precious metals **mining** supporters when votes of candidates supporting ... put together a strong coalition of labor and pro- **mining** supporters and a good ground game to defeat ... as a referendum on copper/nickel/precious metals **mining** in northeastern ...

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... a waste material left after phosphate **mining**, in Florida and ... 2005, the **Environmental** Protection Agency filed a formal complaint ... our most significant enforcement action in the **mining** and mineral processing arena, and will have a ...

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Activists seek more studies on 2 pipelines - The Sandpiper pipeline remains on hold while Line 3 has similar environmental concerns.

... for deeper, more sweeping studies of their **environmental** risks in the wake of an appeals court ruling ... proposed pipeline, Line 3, which has overlapping **environmental** issues because it's proposed on the same route ... in Minnesota," said Kathryn Hoffman, an **environmental** attorney in St. Paul who ...

# Mesabi Daily News (Virginia, MN) ... October 1, 2015

PolyMet reports \$6 million from Gelncore AG

... Daily News that focuses on all aspects of the **mining** and steel ... PAUL — PolyMet **Mining** Corp. reported Thursday that Glencore AG has ... continues to expect the NorthMet final **Environmental Impact Statement** to be published in the Federal ...